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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Confirmation No. 5533

Kazuhiro Ohsuye et al.

**Application No.:** 09/402,093

Group Art Unit: 1652

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Examiner: Elizabeth Slobodyansky, Ph.D.

Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PEPTIDES USING A HELPER PEPTIDE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This election is in complete response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2006. This response is being filed with a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, extending the period of response to on or before June 2, 2006.

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